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SUBJECT: ARRIVAL STATEMENT, PRESS QUESTIONS

REF: LISBON 4754

1. I CAN CONCUR IN THE APPROACH OUTLINED IN PARA 1.
THEREFORE, WHILE YOU SHOULD GO AHEAD AND TRANSLATE THE
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS INTO PORTUGUESE, YOU SHOULD
HOLD THEM FOR USE AFTER MY ARRIVAL.
2. PLEASE BE SURE THAT THE NECESSARY FACILITIES ARE
SET UP FOR AN ARRIVAL STATEMENT AND THAT THIS IS
ACCEPTABLE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.
3. IF TRANSLATION WILL NOT REACH WASHINGTON PRIOR MY
DEPARTURE COB FEBRUARY 23, PLEASE CABLE TEXT TO ME
C/O WILLIAM KNEPPER, MTN DELEGATION, GENEVA.

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4. REVISED TEXT OF ARRIVAL STATEMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM DELIGHTED TO BE HERE.
MY WIFE AND I LOOK FORWARD TO LIVING IN PORTUGAL. I
HAVE STUDIED YOUR HISTORY AND FOLLOWED RECENT EVENTS
FROM A DISTANCE. I AM PLEASED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY

TO BE CLOSER NOW.

5. MY COUNTRY HAS SOUGHT SINCE 1974 TO SUPPORT THE DEMOCRATIC ASPIRATIONS OF THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE. TO THIS END WE HAVE BEEN ASSISTING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENTS.

6. OUR EXPERIENCE IN THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN THAT DEMOCRACY GAVE US A WORKABLE FRAMEWORK FOR FREEDOM, FOR ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT, FOR A SOCIALLY RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT. HENCE WE ARE PLEASED THAT PORTUGAL IS SEEKING TO MAKE ITS OWN DEMOCRACY WORK TO THE ADVANTAGE OF ALL PORTUGUESE. AT THE HEART OF UNITED STATES POLICY IS A DESIRE TO BE HELPFUL TO PORTUGAL AT THIS SPECIAL TIME IN HISTORY.

7. I LOOK FORWARD TO PRESENTING MY CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT EANES. I WILL BE EAGER AFTERWARD TO MEET WITH THE LEADERS OF THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT TO SEE WHAT STEPS CAN BE TAKEN TO FURTHER THE EXCELLENT RELATIONS THAT ALREADY EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. MY WIFE AND I LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING TO KNOW PORTUGAL AND THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. END TEXT.
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